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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1 – 10 (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A hose assembly comprising:
a first member having an inner surface;
a second member having an outer surface and being at least partially received within said first member; and
at least one of said surfaces including at least one groove for receiving a portion of said other member, said groove includes an opening and a base each having a predetermined width, said predetermined width of said opening being generally less than said predetermined width of said base.

Claims 12 – 19 (Canceled)

20. (New) The hose assembly of claim 11, wherein one of said first and second members has greater rigidity, and said groove is associated with said member with said greater rigidity.
21. (New) The hose assembly of claim 11, wherein said second member comprises an insert and a sleeve surrounding said insert, said sleeve including said outer surface and said at least one groove.
22. (New) The hose assembly of claim 11, wherein said first and second members are generally tubular.

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23. (New) The hose assembly of claim 11, wherein said at least one groove includes two side walls and at least one of said side walls extends angularly from said base to said one of said inner surface and said outer surface to collectively define said opening.
24. (New) The hose assembly of claim 23, wherein said at least one side wall extends angularly from said base to said one of said inner surface and said outer surface at about 45 degrees.
25. (New) The hose assembly of claim 23, wherein both of said two side walls extend angularly from said base to said one of said inner surface and said outer surface at about 45 degrees.
26. (New) The hose assembly of claim 11, further including a coupling mechanism providing inward pressure upon said members member to generate a seal between said inner surface of said first member and said outer surface of said second member.
27. (New) The hose assembly of claim 26, wherein said coupling mechanism is a crimp shell.
28. (New) A hose assembly, as in claim 26, wherein said coupling mechanism is a spring clamp.